

REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims do not add any new matter to the application and support for the amendments to claims can be found in the specification. In claim 10, support for the amendment can at least be found in the Examples, particularly, Examples 1 and 5.

Applicants have addressed the issues presented by the Examiner regarding the marking of the claims and believe that all discrepancies have now been addressed.

With regard to format, for ease of reference, the Applicants are using the "optional new" format for the claims. In order to try and maintain the integrity of the claims, Applicants have only included the changes made in the August 2002 response and today's response as CURRENTLY AMENDED and have labeled the February 2002 amendments as PREVIOUSLY AMENDED.

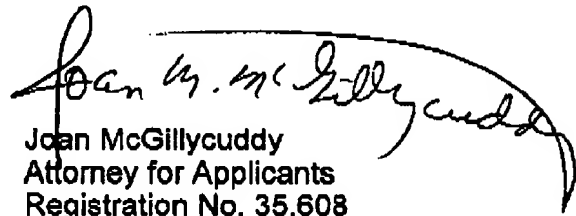
With respect to the Examiner's remark regarding the Markush language, Applicants believe that using and/or in the alternative is appropriate when more than one group of elements may be used and where leaving the language as "selected from the group..." seemed cumbersome and overly complicating to the claim. In the one instance in claim 4, Applicants agree with the Examiner and have modified the claim accordingly.

Applicants believe that the claims as amended address the Examiner's concerns in the Office action dated December 5, 2002, and that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

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ACO2603P1US**CONCLUSION**

Applicants request that the above amendments be entered. In view of the amendments and remarks herein and the papers submitted previously, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the subject rejections. The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Early consideration and allowance of the instant application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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